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Rumanian Elections

1. The Rumanian elections were a great disappointment to Moscow. A Rumanian Communist told Moscow that the country would go at least 45% for the Communists, but when the ballots were counted it was discovered they had polled only 15%, with the balance in favor of the opposition. The Rumanian Government reversed these figures in making a public announcement of the election results. The Government sealed the ballot boxes at a time when the official election observers of the opposition party were not present. Furthermore, the seals were not the official color.
2. Although most of the people at the polls wore the "Sun Emblem," indicative of membership in the Rumanian Communist Party, they all winked, signifying they were going to vote for the opposition. The present true strength of the Communist Party is not more than 5% of the population.
3. The Soviet Government was so irritated by the actual results of the election that it threatened to have the entire Rumanian Government arrested. Realizing that this would be futile, however, and recognizing that political control of Rumania had failed, the Russians switched to economic infiltration.

Soviet Troops

1. There is a constant movement of Soviet troops in Rumania, as the Soviet Army appears to rotate its forces in the region. There are about 200,000 Red Army troops now in the country.

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Note: WDID gives a figure of 120,000 Red Army troops in Rumania.

5. The discipline of troops is better than previously. However, many are killed by peasants whom they have molested. Lack of consequent reprisal is apparently due to the absence of troop records in the Soviet Army. It is estimated there are tens of thousands of deserters from the Soviet Army, none of whom want to return to the USSR. These deserters form

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hands which wander about the Carpathians in Transylvania.

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Soviet troops returning to that country receive treatment comparable to that given prisoners of war. They are strictly controlled, and forced to work and take certain courses re-educating them in Communist doctrine.

Rumanian Troops

7. There are still two Rumanian Divisions in the USSR being trained in the Communist dogma. The two divisions of the Rumanian Army which have been reformed in Rumania are composed of officers and men presumed to be 100% Communist.

M.V.D. (Ministry of Internal Affairs)

8. Although the Gestapo was exceptionally methodical, the M.V.D. is more dangerous because of its lack of co-ordination. It is liable to strike at any place.
9. M.V.D. technique is to make arrests suddenly. Prisoners are often taken to Moscow. Other than depriving prisoners of sleep and using lights to force exhaustion, the M.V.D. does not use torture or beatings. In many instances prisoners have been returned from Moscow after several weeks and set completely free.
10. In Rumania the M.V.D. makes extensive use of women, including counter-espionage against other M.V.D. women. Most M.V.D. officers appear to have a female counterpart whose primary duty is to check on the officers.

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Food

12. The Rumanian famine is particularly desperate in Moldavia, where the peasants are eating straw mats. A large part of the relief food sent by the US goes directly to the Russians. The people nevertheless are anxious for American help.
13. People who have been there say that famine in the Russian Ukraine is far worse than in Rumania.

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